

**REMARKS**

The allowance of claims 19-21 and 23-32 is noted appreciatively by the applicants.

By way of the amendment instructions above, obvious typographical errors have been corrected in pending claims 19 and 28. In addition, claim 22 has been canceled.

Finally, claim 33 has been revised so as to clarify that the epichlorohydrin resin may be present in at least one of the top, inner and bottom layers. In this regard, the original specification at page 5, lines 24-32 discloses that the epichlorohydrin resin may be present physically in any layer containing the activated carbon.

The amendments made to the claims above are therefore believed to address all remaining issues present in the subject application.

Every effort has been made to advance prosecution of this application to allowance. Therefore, in view of the amendments and remarks above, applicant suggests that all claims are in condition for allowance and Official Notice of the same is solicited.

Should any small matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney so that the same may be resolved without the need for an additional written action and reply.

Early receipt of the Official Allowance Notice is therefore solicited.

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**Serial No. 10/530,408**  
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### **Fee Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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